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APPLICANTS: SHORE, Michele Merrette *et al.*  
SERIAL NO.: 10/058 723 GROUP ART UNIT: 1731  
FILED: 28 January 2002 EXAMINER: FORTUNA, José A.  
ENTITLED: PREPARATION OF MODIFIED FLUFF PULP, FLUFF PULP  
PRODUCTS AND USE THEREOF

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